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Community Project Funding (CPF): Accounts and Guidelines

General Guidelines

- Each Member of Congress may only request up to 10 total CPF's across all 12 appropriation bills
 - Members may still request regular programmatic requests for accounts not designated for CPF's
- For-profit entities are unable to submit any CPF's
- Projects should be able to show broad community support. This could include but not limited to:
 - Letters of support from local legislatures
 - Resolutions from local governments or city councils
 - Press articles highlighting the need for the project
 - State Intended Use Plans
- All projects submitted by the Member will be posted publicly on both the Appropriations Committee and Member's websites.
 - The website must contain the proposed recipient and address of the recipient, the amount of the request, and an explanation of the request, including the purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- If the project has a state/local matching requirement, please provide those details.
- Each project request may require additional information depending on the account.

Accounts

Labor, Health, and Human Services

- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) demonstration programs only
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
 - Health Facilities Construction and Equipment—grants to help with the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research.
 - Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.
 - Health Professions Education and Workforce Development—grants for projects to improve education and training of health care professionals, or to analyze health workforce trends and needs.
 - Rural Health Outreach—grants for projects to improve health care in rural areas.
 - Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services, health promotion and education, chronic disease management, and improvements to emergency medical services
 - Rural Health Research—grants to support research on rural health problems and ways of improving health care in rural areas.

- Telehealth and Health Information Technology—funding for telemedicine, distance learning, or use of information technology to improve health care.
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support
 - Mental Health—grants to support programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.
 - Substance Abuse Treatment—grants to support programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.
 - Substance Abuse Prevention—grants to support programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement
 - Elementary and secondary education community project funding includes instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education.
 - In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.
- Department of Education—Higher Education
 - Funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education.
 - Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.
 - Examples include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.

Energy and Water

- Corps of Engineers—Investigations, Construction, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Operation and Maintenance
 - Only authorized projects may receive funding.
 - There will be funding for a very limited number of new start projects, if any, in the Investigations, Construction, and Mississippi River and Tributaries accounts.
 - While requests for new starts in these accounts will be accepted, please consider this limitation when making requests.
- Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Commerce, Justice, Science

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
 - Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program.
 - The Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations.
- COPS Technology and Equipment

- Funding will be provided for community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Operations, Research, and Facilities
 - This account does not fund construction projects, and as such, any such requests will not be considered.
 - Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects.
 - Any such project must be aligned with NOAA’s mission and within their existing authorities.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Safety, Security and Mission Services
 - Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA’s mission directorates and within the agency’s authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research.
 - Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

- Department of Transportation—Local Transportation Priorities
 - Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
 - Supported by the state or local government that would administer the project.
 - Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
 - Administered by public entities.
- Department of Transportation—Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
 - AIP community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns.
 - Does not include Contract Towers
 - Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected officials.
 - Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor
- Department of Housing and Urban Development—Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
 - EDI community project requests may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction, and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services.
 - Requests may also include planning and other activities consistent with the underlying authorization for the Community Development Block Grant program within HUD.
 - Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities

Financial Services and General Government

- Small Business Administration—Small Business Initiatives
 - Requests for Community Projects in support of small businesses, such as entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities.

- Project recipients must be other units of government or nonprofit organizations to be considered eligible.

Defense

- Funding is mostly connected with college and university research projects that are connected to current Department of Defense research.
- Average awards were previously in the \$1-2 million
- Only a small portion of these accounts will be CPF's
 - Accounts Include:
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force
 - Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

- Military Construction accounts under the Department of Defense including , Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve
 - The eligible lists of community projects are those that are submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee.
 - Projects that only appear on a list or FYDP provided by a base commander will not be accepted
 - Eligible lists include:
 - Future Year Defense Program (FYDP)
 - Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs)
 - Cost-to-completes (CTCs)

Homeland Security

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
 - Grants for property protection, storm water mitigation, and other projects to mitigate the effects of disasters.
 - Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable.
- Nonprofit Security Grants
 - Grants for non-profits, churches, synagogues, and other groups that may be targeted for terrorism for hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities.
 - \$100,000 maximum
 - Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) and the [Preparedness Grants Manual](#) for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) will be considered for funding.
- Emergency Operations Center Grants
 - New construction or renovations for state or local emergency operation centers
 - Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share

requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding

Interior

- Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Funds only available for federal properties.
- Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects.
 - 20% matching requirement and funding can't be released until a match is in place
 - Grants were previously \$50,000-\$500,000
- Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service.

Agriculture

- Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Buildings and Facilities
 - Facility requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work.
 - Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture.
- Rural Development, Rural Community Facility Grants
 - Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses.
 - Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services.
 - Examples of eligible projects include; medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, childcare centers, police or fire departments, public works vehicles, or distance learning equipment
 - Any project must serve a rural area
 - Previous grants averaged around \$50,000
- Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants
 - ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access, defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

State and Foreign Operations

- No accounts available for CPF

Legislative Branch

- No accounts available for CPF